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Reverend Frank J. Matera

DEACON

Mr. Arthur Miller



www.stmarysimsbury.org

MASSSES:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM

Sunday Vigil (Saturday Evening): 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 PM

BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month (during the 11:00 am Mass) and third Sunday of the month by appointment. Required Baptism Preparation Program, please call the Parish Office.

WEDDINGS: Couples please call for appointments at least six months in advance.

SICK CALLS: Please notify the Parish Office if someone in your family is hospitalized and would like a visit. Under HIPAA Regulations, hospitals are not allowed to notify us.

VISITORS: Thank you for worshipping with us. If you would like to join our parish, please give us a call or email us at parishoffice@stmarysimsbury.org

DIRECTORY

Parish Office: 3 Massaco Street, PO Box 575
860-658-7627 Fax: 860-658-7626

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30-4:00 PM
Friday: 8:30- 12:00 PM

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St. Mary's School: (860) 658-9412

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday
5:00 PM

FEBRUARY 13
Jackie Ronning
In Remembrance of
By: Betty & Vic Bible

Sunday
8:00 AM
9:30 AM

FEBRUARY 14
People of St. Mary's Parish
William J. Grosser
By: Barglowski Family
Rosemarie Voorvaart
In Loving Memory
By: The Voorvaart Family

Monday
8:00 AM

FEBRUARY 15
Thomas Francis Ryan
In Loving Memory on his Birthday
By: The Ryan Family

Tuesday
8:00 AM

FEBRUARY 16
Antia G. Daley
In Loving Memory
Vic & Mary Lou Daley

Wednesday
8:00 AM

FEBRUARY 17
Michele Testa
In Loving Memory
By: Patricia Hogart

Thursday
8:00 AM

FEBRUARY 18
Frank Conley
By: The Cummings Family

Friday
7:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday
5:00 PM

FEBRUARY 20
Michael Furey
24th Anniversary
By: His Family

Sunday
8:00 AM
9:30 AM

FEBRUARY 21
People of St. Mary's Parish
Norman Bourdon
In Memory of
By: The Baker Family
Barbara Sieber
By: The Gomez-Nieto Family
Youth Mass

11:00 AM

5:00 PM

Office Closed: The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, January 15 in honor of President's Day.

Catherine's Place: This Wednesday, February 17, we will be feeding approximately 16 women at this transitional home for homeless women in recovery. Please call Lorraine Rippel at (860) 658-6438 or email at lrippel@aol if you are able to help with food.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Abstinence during Lent: All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence means to refrain from eating meat. It is required of those 14 years of age and older.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: During Lent every church in the Archdiocese will be open on Monday evening, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM for confessions. Bishop Rosazza will assist Father Matera in hearing confessions on the Mondays of Lent.

Stations of the Cross: Please join us on the Friday evenings of Lent at 7:00 PM as we pray and reflect on the passion of Jesus through the Stations of the Cross.

New Altar Server Training: Are you interested in becoming an Altar Server for Saint Mary's Church? All students in 4th grade and above are invited to attend our yearly training program. There will be four training sessions on the following Saturdays from 1:30-2:30 PM in the Church: February 20, 27, March 5, 12. Candidates must attend all four sessions. Please contact Diana Kalamarides (ServerLeader@StMarySimsbury.org) with any questions.

Retreat Scholarship for Men: If you have never been on retreat at Holy Family Monastery and would like to join the men of our parish for their retreat on March 18--20, please contact Father Matera. He has received a gift certificate from the monastery that covers the full cost of the retreat. The certificate will be given to the first man who calls Father Matera.

Men's Retreat

March 18 to 20

Holy Family Monastery

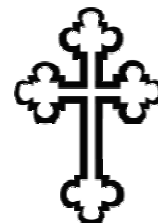
Contact: Jerry Graham (860) 651-6621

Woman's Retreat

February 26 to 28

Our Lady of Calvary

Contact: Ellen Graham (860) 651-6621 or Mary Blume (860) 651-8302



Lenten Series

The God Who Frees and Redeems Us Reading the Book of Exodus Today

The Book of Exodus tells the story of how God freed Israel from slavery and elected the people of Israel to be the covenant people. In addition to being the foundational story for the people of Israel, the Book of the Exodus foreshadows the new exodus God brings about through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus the Book of Exodus is the perfect book to read, to study, and to pray over during the season of Lent. In this Lenten Series I will retell the story of the Book of Exodus and suggest the many ways in which its lessons can strengthen our lives today.

Father Matera

- Feb 18** ***How God Responds to the Cry of the Oppressed***
This session begins with the story of the oppression of Israel in Egypt, the call of Moses to save God's people, and the revelation of God's name. (Exodus 1:1—7:7)
- Feb 25** ***How God Redeems the Oppressed***
This session deals with the great contest between God and Pharaoh, the ten plagues, and Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea (Exodus 7:8—15:21)
- March 3** ***How God Commits Himself to the Redeemed***
This session recounts Israel's journey in the wilderness, the Ten Commandments, and the covenant God makes with Israel at Mount Sinai (Exodus 15:22—31:18)
- March 10** ***How God Dwells with the Redeemed***
This session describes Israel's Apostasy, God's renewal of the covenant, the building of the Tabernacle, the dwelling place of God's glory (Exodus 32:1—40:38)

St. Mary's Lower Church Hall
Thursday Evenings
Refreshments at 7:00 PM
Lecture at 7:30 PM

St. Mary's Mission Statement:

We are a faith-filled community centered in Christ that gathers in our Father's love to celebrate in Word and Sacrament. We seek to grow in that love, to be guided by the Holy Spirit and to share an atmosphere of warmth and hospitality with all.

February 14, 2016

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grade Level Mass: Grades 4-6 will be featured at the 9:30 Mass next Sunday, February 21st.

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Sunday Morning Adult Enrichment Program: The Jubilee Year of Mercy continues at St. Mary's with a panel discussion on *Visiting the Sick*. Come to the Parish Center at 8:30 AM or 10:45 AM to hear more about the Eucharistic and Stephen Ministers and how listening and being present for someone can lift your spirit, as well.

Next week: Parents of 5th graders—mark your calendars to join students during their religious education classes. You don't need anything but yourself. Come on over and meet in the Parish Center!

STEUBENVILLE EAST

Calling all 8th thru 12th grade students: We still have several spots remaining for the Steubenville East youth conference. 64 teens from our parish have registered so far. Don't miss out on a weekend of fun with 3000 other high school youth at UMASS-Lowell from July 15-17. Come, find something new about God and the Catholic Church at this great event. Contact Sean Hughes (860-995-7081) or St. Mary's Youth Minister Kathleen Keating (860-658-7627) for more information. Or simply visit and register at the St. Mary's parish website.

GOVERNOR'S HOUSE

Governor's House: Join Father Matera and the residents of Governor's House this Tuesday, February 16th for Mass at 2:00 PM. Please meet on the steps at 1:45 PM. Our fourth grade CCD class is making Valentine Prayers for the residents. Don't forget that Confirmation Prep children will receive Community service hours for attending. By visiting these residents you show them that they are not forgotten and you also practice Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy of visiting the sick and the homebound. Any questions or concerns please contact Sandy Everett at (860) 214-6557 by either text or call.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual St. Patrick's Dinner: One of our most popular events that sold out last year is our Irish dinner, entertainment and sing along. This year it will be held on **Thursday, March 17th**. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus & St Mary's Social Committee.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

A Search for an Elementary Catholic School Principal for St. Mary School is Underway: The Search Committee is seeking committed, energetic, visionary principal candidates interested in leading St. Mary School into the future. Successful candidates will possess at a minimum the following qualifications: Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church; Master's Degree from a regionally accredited college/university; Five years successful teaching and/or administrative experience. Interested candidates should contact Deputy Superintendent Mrs. Maria Maynard via Diane Newell at diane.newell@aohct.org, 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002, (860) 242-5573. Available openings will be listed at: <http://catholicschoolsct.org/>

GRANNY'S ATTIC

Granny's Attic & Granny's Boutique: This year we will also be accepting clean gently used coats and clothing. Antiques or collectibles will be specially priced. We encourage families to donate unwanted treasures they no longer need. Items must be in good to excellent condition and clean. If you are donating an item that has a cord or remote please tape it to the item. Items that we will not accept due to state regulations and/or are not of interest for buyers are: automobile tires, shoes, computers, monitors, printers, old computer software, paint, chemicals, fertilizers, batteries, full size appliances, magazines, Reader's Digest, textbooks, encyclopedias, mattresses, TV's, skis, car seats, heavy exercise equipment, trunks, dorm refrigerators and disposable or personal items such as cosmetics, electric razors, or toothbrushes. **Location to be announced in late March.** **Collection dates:** Friday, April 15th 4:00pm-7:00pm—Saturday, April 16th and Sunday, April 17th 9:00am - 4:00pm. **Granny's Attic will be open to the public:** Monday, April 18th to Saturday, April 23rd. For times refer to St. Mary's website www.stmarysimsbury.org. If you have questions and/or would like to volunteer to collect, sort and assist in selling, please contact Jane Stevenson (860) 651-5017 stevenje@comcast.net or Stephanie McIntyre (860) 651-3862 smcinre190@gmail.com

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